

## Senate Resolution 10 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

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1 A Resolution inviting the people of Yamanashi  
2 Prefecture, Japan, to be the guests of the State of  
3 Iowa at the rededication of the Japanese Bell of  
4 Peace and Friendship.

5 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture in 1959  
6 suffered two devastating typhoons that destroyed their  
7 livestock industry; and

8 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa, under the leadership of  
9 Iowa native Master Sergeant Richard Thomas, the Iowa  
10 Corn Growers Association, the United States Department  
11 of Agriculture, and the United States Department  
12 of Defense, donated resources, sending 36 lean meat  
13 breeding hogs and 60,000 bushels of corn for feed to  
14 that area of Japan; and

15 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture  
16 responded in kind during Iowa's flood disaster of 1993,  
17 when the Governor of Yamanashi Prefecture presented a  
18 generous gift of monetary assistance for flood relief  
19 to the farmers of Iowa; and

20 WHEREAS, this anniversary is a time of great tragedy  
21 for all of Japan, and the people of Iowa share Japan's  
22 sorrow and stand beside the people of Japan in this  
23 dark time; and

24 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture in 1961  
25 presented a beautiful bronze temple bell and bell  
26 house to the people of Iowa as an expression of their  
27 gratitude to all Iowans for having reached out to them  
28 in their time of great need; and

1 WHEREAS, the bell and bell house were installed on  
2 the south Capitol grounds in Des Moines, Iowa, with  
3 great ceremony in recognition of the great respect,  
4 mutual understanding, and friendship between these two  
5 states; and

6 WHEREAS, having graced the Statehouse grounds for  
7 half a century, a major effort is underway to restore  
8 the Japanese bell site to its original condition, aided  
9 by an Iowa public/private fund-raising effort; and

10 WHEREAS, officials of Iowa and Yamanashi Prefecture  
11 have expressed the wish to recognize the 50th  
12 anniversary of that occasion in 2011 by rededicating  
13 the bell and bell house to that continuing friendship  
14 and sister state relationship; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
16 extends its invitation to the Governor of Yamanashi  
17 Prefecture and the Chairman of the Yamanashi  
18 Prefectural Assembly, to visit our Capitol grounds  
19 during the time of the Iowa State Fair in August  
20 2011; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate does hereby  
22 proclaim the 50th anniversary of the Iowa-Yamanashi  
23 sister state relationship and asks all Iowans to extend  
24 to our visitors every courtesy and accommodation as  
25 befits the rededication of the Japanese temple bell  
26 and bell house as a symbol of the bond of unending  
27 friendship between our peoples; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the tolling of the bell  
29 shall remind us of the lives so tragically lost in the  
30 earthquake and tsunami of 2011 and its sound shall

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I honor their memory.